

RE: CG Docket No. 03-123  
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)  
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Dear Honorable Chairman Martin, Commisioners Adelstein, Copps, McDowell, and Tate:

Having been congenitally deaf all my life and depending on available technically developed communication devices, like the telecommunication typewriter, and lastly the wonderful Video Relay Service, I have been informed about your Commission planning on curbing extensive use of the VRS medium. I do not know what reasons you have adopted in planned restrictions of the VRS.

Is it due to the technology that has a tendency to harm our environmental harmony, such as the loss of the honeybee, that is suspected to be affected by the mass of aerial wireless electronic devices, that may possibly have created this disturbance?

**Or**, could it be due to commercial interests predominating quest for added taxable profits for the U.S. Government or private sectors **as** with many big corporate firms, now having been known for several inroads into human enterprise? Would this be in conflict with the ADA legal prescriptions?

Some positive views we see impacting on the lives of deaf and severely hard of hearing users of the VRS are following:

1. Loneliness and enforced isolation by necessity opens the avenue of maintaining mental health needs for many hearing disadvantaged people.
2. Despite distance factors isolating many has afforded extensive use of the VRS to help bridge warmer contacts for many VRS users to sustain emotional balance.
3. Quite widely **known** is a very high percentage of hearing disadvantaged people functioning in less than 6th grade reading and writing skills that limit their effective use of TTY machines, which should not be **obsolecized** but still considered vital for those persons with high literacy preferring the medium of written language for exact clarity of conveyed messages.
4. The use of the VRS has opened a fantastic expansion of contacts for many, who have not had opportunity to get in touch with friends for many, many years. **This** kind of contact has evolved tremendously like what has been similarly observed of people with no hearing loss in the medium of voice telephone since the onset of its invention. **As** with hearing disadvantaged persons depending on sight and

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the extensive life giving means of sign language does in fact mirror similarly the ways of all hearing American people.

5. Further observation sees the VRS provide at the beck and call qualified interpreters to relay any kind of communication between hearing disadvantaged persons and hearing people among families, health service professions like medical doctors and hospitals, any incidental public service agencies, etc. This observation should in no way be tampered with as it becomes a question of life and death for many of us deaf and hard of hearing people.

Finally, we cannot help view the question the competency of the White House Administration to have imposed some negative restraints on your Commission, giving rise to the impression conjectured from the huge fiasco as well as the scandal of dishonesty starting with the invasion of Iraq and the billions poured to help "save face" for President G. Bush as well as the Congressional implicity in poor judgment. We hope your commission does not echo those negative thinkings of the White House, as viewed by most nations of our world.

To surmount this serious deficit regarding humane and caring concerns, evidently lacking in current political and governmental pursuits, we need to demonstrate openly the reversal of above observed trends. There is something called the "power of love" that must be infused in all actions of service created for greater harmony in our society. After all, our Government was created and established as an entity of representation of the wills of our people of America.

With thanks for your considerations in this matter of life and death issue concerning us deaf and hard of hearing people,  
I remain yours sincerely,

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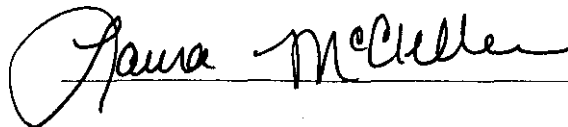
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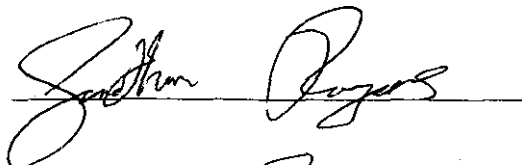
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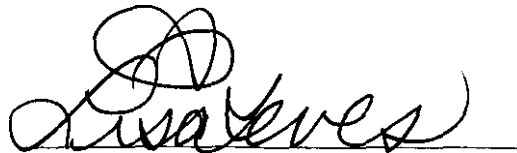
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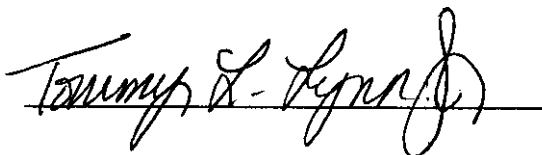
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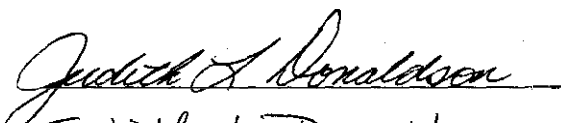
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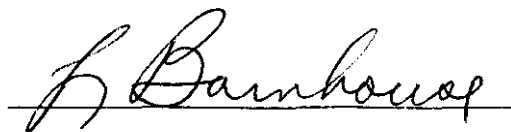
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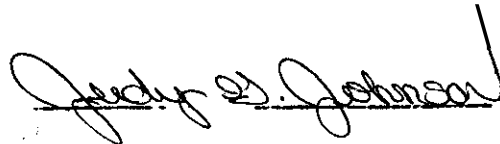
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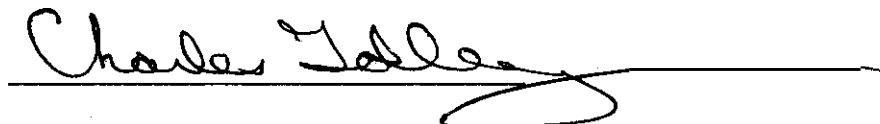
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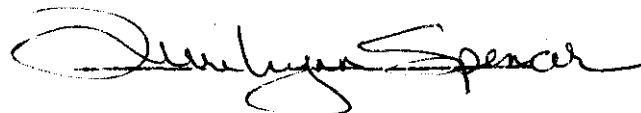
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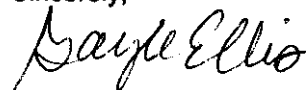
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